Statement-II

Accidents in Singareni Collieries Company Limited

Fatal accidents (as on 6.8.97)

Reason	1994		1995		1996		1997	
	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F
Roof fall	12	23	8	11	7	7	8	8
Side fall	4	5	-	-	2	2	5	5
Rope hauglage	9	9	2	2	5	5	3	3
Machinery	2	2	1	1	5	5	1	1
Explosives	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Electricity	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Fall of Person	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
Fall of object	3	3	-	-	3	3	1	1
Fall of coal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes	4	4	5	5	4	5	2	2
Total	38	50	18	21	28	29	23	23

Serious Accidents (As on 5.8.97)

Reason	1994		1995		1996		1997	
	A	I	A	I	A	I	A	I
Roof fall	22	27	25	26	11	14	5	5
Side fall	19	20	5	6	16	16	4	4
Rope haulage	58	58	49	49	38	38	20	20
Machinery	4	5	3	3	1	1	-	-
Explosives	3	4	1	1	4	4	2	2
Electricity	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fall of Person	75	75	53	53	34	34	23	23
Fall of object	34	34	21	21	17	17	8	8
Fall of coal	8	8	9	9	4	4	-	-
Extremity caught	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Air-blast	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-
Other causes	19	19	10	10	19	19	7	7
Total	246	254	177	191	144	147	69	69

A = Accidents

F = Fatalities

I = Seriously injured

Shortage of Coins

2663. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:

DR. T. SUBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortage of Rs. 2, Re. 1 and 50 paise coins in Andhra Pradesh particularly in the twin cities of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether the RBI has pointed out that there is a limited stock of coins available with it and that is the main reason for shortage;

(c) whether it has been reported that the brokers have taken advantage of it; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to make available the coins and also check the malpractices by the traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) There is a temporary shortage of coins of Rs. 2, Re. 1 and 50 paise in the country. The Government Mints are being modernised to increase the supply of coins to the public. As a short term measure, Government has decided to import 700 million pieces of Re. 1 and 300 million pieces of Rs. 2 coins.

The Reserve Bank of India has taken the following steps to guard against blackmarketing of coins:

(I) Security Officers restrict entry into the banking halls to about 50-60 persons at a time and ensure that they leave as soon as their work is over.

(ii) General public requiring small quantities are given preference during the first two hours i.e. from 10 A.M. to 12 noon.

(iii) Arrangements have been made to distribute coins from selected branches of public sector banks located in various parts of the country.

[Translation]

Coal Scam

2664. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item which appeared in a Hindi daily "Ranchi Express" dated May 30, 1997 under caption, "Jalawan Koyala mein croron ka ghotala";

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and